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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR MUTUC ON US ASSISTANCE

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1. DAILY EXPRESS AND BULLETIN TODAY CARRIED FROUNT-
PAGE STORIES JULY 9 REPORTING RETURN OF AMBASSADOR
AMELITO MUTUC FROM US. MUTUC TOLD PRESS AT AIRPORT THAT
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP IN US HAD INDICATED THE USG
WAS NOT CUTTING OFF MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
TO THE PHILIPPINES AND THAT EFFORTS BY OPPOSITIONISTS
LED BY RAUL MANGLAPUS TO STOP ASSISTANCE HAD PROVED
"FRUITLESS". AMBASSADOR MUTUC SAID HE HAD MET WITH SPEAKER
ALBERT AND MAJORITY LEADER MANSFIELD.
BOTH HAD ASSURED HIM MOVES TO WITHDRAW MILITARY AND
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WOULD NOT "PROSPER".

2. STORIES ALSO RECOUNTED MUTUC TESTIMONY BEFORE
FRASER COMMITTEE AS WELL AS HIS REPUDIATION OF JACK
ANDERSON COLUMN ON MIJARES' CHARGES OF MARCOS BRIBERY.

3. MUTUC ALSO TOLD PRESS THAT MARTIAL LAW OPPONENTS
IN THE US LED BY MANGLAPUS AND SONNY ALVAREZ WERE DIVIDED
AND THAT "MAOISTS" HAD INFILTRATED THEIR RANKS.
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4. COMMENT: MUTUC MAY WELL HAVE BEEN, AS PARA 11
REFTEL SUGGESTS, "HOIST WITH HIS OWN PETARD" DURING
JUNE 17 TESTIMONY BEFORE FRASER COMMITTEE BUT TO READ
PHILIPPINE PRESS ONE WOULD NEVER KNOW IT. DESPITE
MUTUC'S WELL-PUBLICIZED REASSURANCES, GOP APPEARS
JITTERY ABOUT WHAT MAY EVENTUATE FROM FRASER HEARINGS.
OFFICIAL IN OFFICE OF PRESIDENT CALLED EMBOFF JULY 8
TO REQUEST COPY OF DRAFT AID BILL AND FRASER REPORT WHEN
ISSUED. HE ALSO WAS CURIOUS AS TO HOW FRASER HEARINGS
MIGHT AFFECT ASSISTANCE LEVELS. EMBOFF SAID WE HAD
NO IDEA.
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